

New Bedford Neighborhoods and Schools Air Quality

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

Local

- ☐ Utilize air filters in home; make or buy a HEPA filter
 - BUYING GUIDE <https://cleanaircrew.org/air-cleaners/>
 - DIY INSTRUCTIONS <https://cleanaircrew.org/box-fan-filters/>
- ☐ Find out why the public hasn't been granted access to the data already transmitted by the functioning recently installed city air quality monitors
 - Contact the Office of Environmental Stewardship to find out who is point person
- ☐ Find out the status of ventilation upgrades in district schools implemented with ARPA-ESSER money
 - Contact New Bedford **ARPA ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER** [Jessica Bailey](#)
- ☐ Urge the School Traffic Committee to create a solid plan for 2024-25 school year this summer by working with ward groups to pinpoint main issues
 - **Leo Choquette** Leo.Choquette@newbedford-ma.gov Attn: School Traffic Comte

State

- ☐ Contact state Representatives and Senators to urge them to pass and move **S. 2660, *An Act Relative to Air Quality In Schools*** out of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means this week. A sample letter is linked; copy and paste and fill in your name and the name of the rep/senator. Do this today and share to friends; the Committee meets next week.
 - TEMPLATE LETTER <https://www.saferairsaferschools.com/resources/shareables-and-templates>
 - FAQ <https://www.saferairsaferschools.com/resources/s-2660>
 - MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE <https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/S30/Members>

Federal

- Contact US Senators and US Representatives to urge them to update HUD rules that prevent impoverished federally subsidized housing residents from keeping themselves safe from air pollution and bad air quality
 - ° remove from HUD rules the allowance (24 CFR 965.506(b)) for charging extra fees to tenants for appliances which mitigate extreme temperatures, including air conditioners;
 - ° require HUD fulfill its mandate ((24 CFR 5.703(e)) to keep tenants safe from extreme temperatures on all properties by requiring air conditioning at no extra cost to tenants.
 - ° LOCATE CONTACT INFO FOR US SENATORS/ REPS
<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members>